STATE OF MINNESOTA

IN SUPREME COURT

C9-81-1206

ORDER AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS

The Client Security Board has recommended to the Supreme Court that its allocated portion of the attorney registration fee be reduced by Five Dollars (\$5.00) for Fiscal Year 2004, beginning July 1, 2003, and

The Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board (LPRB) recommended to the Supreme Court that its Fiscal Year 2001, 2002 and 2003 allocated portions of the attorney registration fee be reduced by Ten Dollars (\$10.00). The Court in an order dated May 8, 2000 adopted this recommendation. The LPRB has now recommended to the Supreme Court that this allocated portion be restored in Fiscal Year 2004 along with a Ten Dollar (\$10.00) increase, for a total allocated portion of One Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) of the attorney registration fee. This proposed increase would be the first in seven years.

The court has reviewed the recommendations and is fully advised in the premises, NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The attached amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court for Registration of Attorneys are adopted, prescribed and promulgated to be effective for registration fees due on and after July 1, 2003.

Dated: May 28, 2002

BY THE COURT:

OFFICE OF APPELLATE COURTS

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Kathleen A. Blatz

Chief Justice

RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS

RULE 2. REGISTRATION FEE

A. In order to defray the expenses of examinations and investigation for admission to the bar and disciplinary proceedings, over and above the amount paid by applicants for such admission, with exception hereafter enumerated, each attorney admitted to practice law in this state and those members of the judiciary who are required to be admitted to practice as a prerequisite to holding office shall hereinafter annually pay to the clerk of the appellate courts a registration fee in the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) Two Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$215.00) or in such lesser sum as the court may annually hereafter determine.

Such fee, or portion thereof, shall be paid on or before the first day of January, April, July or October of each year as requested by the clerk of the appellate courts. All sums so received shall be allocated as follows:

\$15.00 to the State Board of Law Examiners

\$10.00 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education

\$100.00 \$120.00 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board

\$17.00 \$12.00 to the Minnesota Client Security Fund

\$50.00 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee

\$8.00 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.

An attorney who certifies that his or her gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, is less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year, shall pay a registration fee in the sum of One Hundred Seventy-five Dollars (\$175.00) One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$190.00). The allocation to the Legal Services Advisory Committee shall be reduced by Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00),

- B. The following attorneys and judges shall pay an annual registration fee of Ninety-four Dollars (\$94.00) One Hundred Four Dollars (\$104.00):
 - (a) Any attorney or judge whose permanent residence is outside the State of Minnesota and who does not practice law within the state;

(b) Any attorney while on duty in the armed forces of the United States.

The Ninety-four Dollars (\$94.00) One Hundred Four Dollars (\$104.00) so received shall be allocated as follows:

\$15.00 to the State Board of Law Examiners

\$7.00 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education

\$14.00 \$24.00 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board

\$50.00 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee

\$8.00 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.

An attorney who certifies that his or her gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, is less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year, shall pay a registration fee in the sum of Sixty nine Dollars (\$69.00) Seventy-nine Dollars (\$79.00). The allocation to the Legal Services Advisory Committee shall be reduced by Twenty-Ffive Dollars (\$25.00).

C. Any attorney who has not been admitted to practice for more than three years shall pay an annual registration fee of Eighty-nine Dollars (\$89.00) Ninety-four Dollars (\$94.00).

The <u>Eighty nine Dollars (\$89.00)</u> <u>Ninety-four Dollars (\$94.00)</u> so received shall be allocated as follows:

\$15.00 to the State Board of Law Examiners

\$10.00 to the State Board of Continuing Legal Education

\$14.00 \$24.00 to the Lawyers Professional Responsibility Board

\$17.00 \$12.00 to the Client Security Fund

\$25.00 to the Legal Services Advisory Committee

\$8.00 to the Lawyer Trust Account Board for a lawyers assistance program.

An attorney who certifies that his or her gross income from all sources, excluding the income of a spouse, is less than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per year,

shall pay a registration fee in the sum of Seventy-six Dollars and fifty cents (\$76.50) Eighty-one Dollars and fifty cents (\$81.50). The allocation to the Legal Services Advisory Committee shall be reduced by Twelve Dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50).

Any attorney who is retired from any gainful employment or permanently disabled, or who files annually with the clerk of the appellate courts an affidavit that he or she is so retired or disabled and not engaged in the practice of law, shall be placed in a fee-exempt category and shall remain in good standing. An attorney claiming retired or permanently disabled status who subsequently resumes active practice of law shall promptly file notice of such change of status with the clerk of the appellate courts and pay the annual registration fee.